

APPENDIX I

ROADMAP FOR INTEGRATION OF AGRO-BASED PRODUCTS SECTOR

I. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this initiative are to :

- Strengthen regional integration on through liberalisation and facilitation measures in the area of trade in goods, services and investments; and
- Promote private sector participation.

II. MEASURES

This roadmap includes issues specific to the Agro-based products sector as well as horizontal issues cutting across all sectors which are:

- Measures for increasing intra-ASEAN Trade and Investment
 - Tariff Elimination
 - Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs)
 - Custom Cooperation
 - Effective Implementation of CEPT Scheme
 - Improvement of Rules of Origin
 - Standards and Conformance
 - Future investment
 - Improvement of Logistics Services

III. COVERAGE

The scope of products identified mainly covers Agro-based products as **Attachment 1**.

NO.	MEASURES	IMPLEMENTING BODY	TIMELINE
COMMON ISSUES			
I	Tariff Elimination		
1	Eliminate CEPT-AFTA tariffs on all identified products	Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the CEPT Scheme for AFTA (CCCA)	ASEAN 6: 1 January 2007 CLMV: 1 January 2012
II	Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs)¹		
2	Establish the Database of ASEAN NTMs to ensure transparency	CCCA	Completed on 30 June 2004
3	Regularly update the Database of ASEAN NTMs to ensure transparency		Starting 1 January 2007
4	Establish clear criteria to identify measures that are classified as barriers to trade		Completed on 27 September 2005 (19th AFTA Council)
5	Establish a clear and definitive work programme for the assessment of existing NTMs and identification of Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs)		Completed on 21 August 2006 (20 th AFTA Council)
6	Eliminate NTBs on all identified products		<u>First Package:</u> 1 January 2008 for ASEAN 5; 1 January 2010 for the Philippines; and 1 January 2013 for CLMV
			<u>Second Package:</u> 1 January 2009 for ASEAN 5; 1 January 2011 for the Philippines; and 1 January 2014 for CLMV <u>Third Package:</u> 1 January 2010 for ASEAN 5; 1 January 2012 for the

¹ Measures on NTMs apply to all products in accordance to the decisions of 20th AFTA Council, 21 August 2006, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Priority Integration Sectors (PIS) measures on NTMs and NTBs shall be implemented in conformance with said AFTA Council decisions.

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			Philippines; and 1 January 2015 with flexibility up to 2018 for CLMV
7	Conduct regular review and assessment of NTMs based on the criteria set by the AFTA Council		Starting 1 January 2008
III	Rules of Origin		
8	Improve the CEPT Rules of Origin by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - making it more transparent, predictable, standardised and trade-facilitating, taking into account the need to encourage regional sourcing and the best practices of other Regional Trade Agreements including the rules of origin of the WTO; and - adopting substantial transformation as alternative criteria for conferring origin status 	Task Force on CEPT Rules of Origin (ROO-TF)	31 December 2006
9	Identify and implement measures to promote the utilisation of Form D	CCCA and Coordinating Committee on Customs (CCC) ²	Ongoing
IV	Customs Procedures		
10	Extend the application of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) for extra-ASEAN trade	CCC/Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation Working Group	31 December 2007
11	Develop a simplified, improved and harmonised customs declaration form		Completed on 8 June 2005
12	Ensure full implementation of the Green Lane System for CEPT Products, or similar systems, at entry points of all Member States		Completed

² The Expert Committee on Customs Matters (ECCM) was restructured and renamed as CCC

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13	Develop implementation guidelines, as appropriate, for Member States which are not members of the WTO to fulfil the obligations of the WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation		Completed
14	Adopt service commitment (client charter) by ASEAN customs authorities		Completed
15	Develop the Single Window approach, including the electronic processing of trade documents at national and regional levels	Inter-Agency Task Force on Single Window	Completed on 9 December 2005
16	Implementation of the ASEAN Single Window	ASEAN Single Window Steering Committee	1 January 2008 for ASEAN-6 1 January 2012 for CLMV
V	Standards and Conformance		
17	Accelerate the development and implementation of sectoral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs), as appropriate	ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality (ACCSQ)	beginning 1 January 2005
18	Encourage domestic regulators to recognise test reports issued by testing laboratories which are already accredited by National Accreditation Bodies in ASEAN that are signatories to ILAC and APLAC MRA for products not covered under the sectoral MRAs		Ongoing
19	Set clear targets and schedules for harmonisation of standards, wherever required; where international standards are not available, and when requested by industry, align national standards among Member States		Completed
20	Harmonise already identified standards among Member Countries		31 December 2007
21	Identify and harmonise additional standards, wherever required; where international standards are not available, and when requested by industry, align national standards among Member States		31 December 2010

NO.	MEASURES	IMPLEMENTING BODY	TIMELINE
22	Harmonise and/or develop, wherever appropriate, technical regulations for national application		31 December 2010
23	Ensure compliance with the requirements, rights and obligations of WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade		Ongoing
24	Develop ASEAN policy on standards and conformance to further facilitate the realisation of the ASEAN Economic Community		Completed on 28 September 2005 (37 th AEM)
VI	Logistics Services³		
25	<p>Expedite the development of integrated transport logistics services within ASEAN through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promotion of efficient door-to-door cargo transport and cross-border transport facilitation through the expeditious implementation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit, and the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multimodal Transport; - Improvement of land transport network infrastructures and services to achieve better inter-connectivity, inter-operability and inter-modality with the national, regional and international maritime and air transport gateways; - Strengthening intra-ASEAN maritime and shipping transport services; and - Establishment of enabling and conducive policy environment for increased private sector involvement and/or public-private partnerships in the development of transport 	Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM)	Beginning 2005

³ A comprehensive roadmap on logistics services as a separate Priority Integration Sector is currently being developed and shall be completed by June 2007

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	infrastructure and the provision and operation of transport logistics facilities and services		
VII Outsourcing and Industrial Complementation			
26	Identify and develop areas of specialisation on production processes, research and development (R&D), and testing facilities based on comparative advantages of individual Member States	Working Group on Industrial Cooperation (WGIC), with inputs from the private sector	Ongoing
27	Develop guidelines to promote outsourcing arrangements among Member States, as applicable		31 December 2008
VIII ASEAN Integration System of Preferences			
28	Endeavour to simplify the procedures and expand the coverage of the ASEAN Integration System of Preferences (AISP) Scheme by including products in the priority integration sectors	CCCA	Between 1 January 2007 and 1 January 2009
IX Investments			
29	Accelerate the opening up of sectors currently in the Sensitive List (SL) by transferring these sectors into the Temporary Exclusion List (TEL) under the Framework Agreement on the ASEAN Investment Area, using the ASEAN-X formula	Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)	Ongoing
30	Reduce restrictive investment measures in the SL		Ongoing
31	Complete the progressive elimination of restrictive investment measures in the TEL		2010 for ASEAN-6, 2013 for Viet Nam and 2015 for Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar
32	Identify and implement programmes and activities to promote investments in ASEAN		Ongoing

NO.	MEASURES	IMPLEMENTING BODY	TIMELINE
33	<p>Promote manufacturing processes across different ASEAN countries to take advantage of their comparative strengths through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the establishment of a network of ASEAN free trade zones to facilitate outsourcing activities - undertaking more efficient joint ASEAN facilitation and promotion measures to promote FDI 	<p>CCC; CCI; WGIC</p> <p>CCI</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
34	<p>Promote and facilitate joint/cross border investments in manufacturing activities through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - special incentives, where appropriate, to be given by CLMV for investments from ASEAN - special measures, where appropriate to be given by ASEAN 6 to promote and facilitate relocation of investment to CLMV countries especially for labour intensive manufacturing activities 	CCI	Ongoing
X	Trade and Investment Promotion		
35	Intensify intra- and extra ASEAN joint promotion efforts regularly	CCI; ASEAN Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASEAN-CCI); and relevant Industry Clubs/ Associations	Ongoing
36	<p>Organise regular private sector initiatives to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - undertake more efficient joint ASEAN facilitation and promotion measures to promote FDI into ASEAN - undertake joint trade and investment missions; and - assist CLMV in organising promotional activities 	CCI; ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC); and ASEAN-CCI	Ongoing

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37	Undertake more effective joint ASEAN facilitation in promotion measures and develop new sources of inward foreign direct investments, particularly from potential countries such as the People's Republic of China, India and the Republic of Korea		Ongoing
XI	Intra-ASEAN Trade and Investment Statistics		
38	Develop an effective system to monitor intra-ASEAN trade and investment through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - establish an efficient trade and investment database - provision of updates to the ASEAN Secretariat of the latest trade (goods and services) and investment statistics - preparation of consolidated industry profile, by the respective associations, which among other matters, cover information such as production capacity and product range 	ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices Meeting (AHSOM); Working Group on Foreign Direct Investment Statistics and CCCA	31 December 2009 Ongoing Ongoing
XII	Intellectual Property Rights		
39	Expand the scope of ASEAN intellectual property rights cooperation beyond trademarks and patents by including cooperation in copyrights information exchange and enforcement	ASEAN Working Group on Intellectual Property Cooperation (AWGIPC)	Ongoing
XIII	Movement of Business Persons, Experts, Skilled Labour, Talents and Professionals		
40	Develop an ASEAN Agreement to facilitate the movement of business persons, including the adoption of an ASEAN Business Travel Card, taking into account Member States' domestic laws and regulations	Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Division of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM)	Ongoing
41	Identify and develop other mechanisms that will complement existing ASEAN initiatives to further	Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS)	31 December 2007

NO.	MEASURES	IMPLEMENTING BODY	TIMELINE
	facilitate the movement of experts, professionals, skilled labour and talents		
42	Accelerate completion of MRAs to facilitate free movement of experts, professionals, skilled labour and talents in ASEAN, taking into account Member States' domestic laws and regulations		31 December 2008
XIV	Facilitation of Travel in ASEAN		
43	Harmonise procedures for the issuance of visas to international travellers	DGICM	Ongoing
44	Provide visa exemption for intra-ASEAN travel by ASEAN nationals		Ongoing
XV	Human Resource Development		
45	Develop and upgrade skills and capacity building through joint trainings and workshops	Senior Labour Officials Meeting (SLOM) ASEAN Senior Officials for Education (ASOED) Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM) Initiatives for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Task Force	Ongoing
SPECIFIC ISSUES			
XVI	Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary (SPS) and Technical Barrier to Trade (TBT) Measures		
General requirements for food hygiene and safety in ASEAN			
46	Formulate the ASEAN Requirements to Food Hygiene for National Application	ASEAN Expert Group on Food Safety (AEGFS) and ACCSQ Prepared Foodstuff Product Working Group (ACCSQ PFPWG)	Completed
47	Formulate the inspection control and safety practice based on the ASEAN requirements to food hygiene, in selected sectors that are to be observed at the time of		Completed

NO.	MEASURES	IMPLEMENTING BODY	TIMELINE
	preparation, processing, manufacturing, packaging, storing, transportation, distribution, handling and offering for sale or supply to the final consumer		
<i>Harmonisation of national standards with relevant international standards (CODEX, OIE and IPPC)</i>			
48	Harmonise national standards with international standards in the food sector, especially from HS Chapter 15-23 to support the realisation of MRA for prepared foodstuff in ASEAN	ASEAN Task Force on Codex (ATFC) and ACCSQ PFPWG	1 January 2008
49	Develop a mechanism to encourage the establishment of the regional risk assessment by scientific bodies in ASEAN	ASEAN Expert Group on Food Safety (AEGFS)	Completed 30 June 2006
50	Identify international standards Codex and IPPC with focus on those standards with significant trade value and those with potential for trade in the future for harmonisation in ASEAN	ATFC, Expert Working Group on Harmonisation of Maximum Residue Limits (EWG-MRLs) and Expert Working Group on Phyto-Sanitary (EWG-PS) of SOM-AMAF	1 January 2007 to 1 January 2010
<i>Promote and strengthen the compliance of agro-based industry to the regional and international requirements</i>			
51	Promotion of Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP), Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) and Good Hygiene Practice (GHP) for processed food industry Priority should be given to the SME by implementing pilot programme	Joint efforts between SOM AMAF, AEGFS and ACCSQ Prepared Foodstuff Product Working Group (PFPWG)	Ongoing
<i>Strengthening Testing Facilities in ASEAN and Recognition of Testing Result by regulators</i>			
52	Develop and promote ASEAN Good Agriculture Practice (GAP) Standards	SOM AMAF/ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Crops (ASWGC)	1 January 2010
	Promote the ASEAN Good Agriculture Practice (GAP) through	ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on	1 January 2007 to 1 January 2010

NO.	MEASURES	IMPLEMENTING BODY	TIMELINE
	agricultural training extension	Agricultural Training and Extension (AWGATE)	
53	Facilitate the upgrading existing laboratories for implementing quality control and quality assurance system to conform to the international standard	ACCSQ PFPWG; AEGFS and AGMFTN (ASEAN Genetically Modified Food Testing Network)	1 January 2007 to 1 January 2010
54 (a)	<p>Establishment of ASEAN Reference Testing Laboratory in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - microbiology; mycotoxin; pesticide residues; Veterinary Drug Residues; Heavy Metals and Trace Elements; and Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) - Antinutrients (HCN) and food additives 	ACCSQ PFPWG; SOM AMAF; and AEGFS	<p>Completed</p> <p>Beginning 1 January 2008</p>
(b)	Encourage the recognition by ASEAN Domestic Regulators for test reports issued by ASEAN Reference Testing Laboratories and those already accredited by national accreditation bodies who are signatories to ILAC, APLAC MRA		1 January 2007 to 1 January 2010
<i>Harmonisation of sector specific technical regulatory regime in ASEAN</i>			
55	Identify and prioritise SPS and TBT Measures for harmonisation in ASEAN	EWG-PS and ATFC and ACCSQ PFPWG	31 December 2006
56	Harmonise identified SPS and TBTs measures including harmonisation of procedures of registration, pre-marketing and post-marketing surveillance among member countries	EWG-PS and EWG MRLs and ACCSQ PFPWG Activities can be identified according to the scope of each body	1 January 2010
57	Development and Implementation of MRAs in some priority (selected) products. MRA for prepared foodstuff will be initially explored	SOM AMAF and ACCSQ PFPWG	Beginning 1 January 2007
XVII Research and Development (R&D) and Human Resource Development (HRD)			
58	Exchange of commercial planting varieties for the potential agri-	SOM AMAF	Beginning 1 January 2007

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	products among ASEAN countries		
59	Initiate collaborative research programs for mutually agreed agri_ products among ASEAN countries	COST ASEAN Technical Working Group on Agricultural Research and Development (ATWGARD)	Beginning 2006
60 (a)	Conduct trainings, seminars and workshops to improve the technical efficiency in ASEAN Testing Laboratories	SOM AMAF and Committee on Science and Technology (COST)	Beginning 2005
(b)	Exchange of experts, technical expertise and researchers in mutually agreed fields		
61	Encourage exchange of research information in areas of mutual interest - Disseminate research results and technology through the agricultural training and extension	SOM AMAF and COST ATWGARD AWGATE	Beginning 2005 1 January 2007 to 1 January 2012
62	Explore potential areas of cooperation in mutually agreed products	SOM AMAF and COST	Beginning 2005
63	Empowering small-scale farmers through apprenticeship programme	AWGATE	1 January 2007 to 1 January 2012
XVIII	Information		
64	Establish an ASEAN Early Warning System on Hazards and Outbreaks	SOM AMAF and AEG FS	31 December 2007
65	Participate actively in ASEAN Food Safety Network for Information sharing using the established website	SOM AMAF ACCSQ AEG FS	Ongoing
66	Promote the application of simulation model, remote sensing technology for crop production, monitoring of yield potential and early warning system for agricultural disasters	COST	Beginning 2007